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EXPOSITION TRAIN.

The Products of American Factories to be
Shown in Mexican Cities.

There has been much talk in the last few years of a United States Exposition at Mexico City. The National Association of Manufacturers considered for a time such an Exposition—in fact, is still considering it. Some New York gentlemen of means and ability, however, are the first to put the idea into effect. They have planned what will be called the United States Trades Exposition in Transit, with the following objects in view: To introduce to the Mexican laborer, trader and consumer articles of American manufacture by exhibiting them in an Exposition train, to which the public will have free admission, at the same time affording an opportunity of giving an object lesson of the workings of farm tools and all classes of machinery; and to give manufacturers an opportunity to send representatives or salesmen with the Exposition to properly represent and introduce their products at about one half the cost of transportation and living expenses by the usual methods. Such salesmen are guaranteed the best traveling and living accommodations that the railroads and cities en route can afford, special arrangements having been made with the railroads and hotels.

The cars will be vestibuled into one solid train, forming a continuous hall. Special cars are being constructed for displaying agricultural implements, mining machinery, wagons, carriages and other bulky exhibits. At each stopping place, the exhibits will be removed from the cars and shown under a large canvas, especially made for this purpose. As the rainy season will be over when the Exposition reaches Mexico, these arrangements can be safely carried out. The business manager and an able newspaper writer will travel from one to two weeks in advance of the Exposition, for the purpose of interesting the boards of trade, manufacturers and merchants, clubs, city officials and business men generally, as well as the press, in the coming of the train. The train will be run as a special, and its movements will be made at such times as not to interfere with Exposition hours. A stay of six months will be made in the Republic stops of such length as the various places will warrant to be made at the following cities: Porfirio Diaz, Durango, Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, Leon, Guanajuato, Tlapala, Guadalajara, Celaya, Queretaro, San Juan del Rio, Pachuca, City of Mexico, Vera Cruz, Cordoba, Orizaba, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, Tampico, Ciudad Victoria, Monterey, Lerdo, Chihuahua, Juarez, Nogales, Hermosillo, Guaymas, and, perhaps, other points.

The management of the Exposition has completed arrangements with the Customs Department of Mexico whereby the Exposition train will virtually become a bonded warehouse thus exempting the exhibits from all duties except in case of sale. The train will be manned by gentlemen who have made Mexico, her merchants and business customs and possibilities of improving our export trade a study. The idea of taking a manufacturers' train through Mexico originated with

one of the managers of this Exposition over five years ago, and resulted in several tours of investigation to Mexico and a careful canvass of this question with government officials and leading merchants of both countries. The plan has been strongly endorsed by officials of Mexico and the United States, as follows:

Hon. M. Romero, Mexican Minister to the United States: "As a friend to the increase of the commercial relations between Mexico and the United States, I approve most cordially of the project, because I think it will tend to increase the commercial relations between the two countries."

Theodore C. Search, President National Association of Manufacturers: "The project of sending to Mexico an exhibition train laden with American made goods has been brought to the attention of the National Association of Manufacturers and has been carefully examined. In its general plan and in the ends it is designed to serve, this enterprise seems to be eminently practical and feasible; and in its aim to promote American trade interests in Mexico, it is quite in accord with the purpose of the National Association of Manufacturers. This train is to be run under the name of the United States Trades Exposition, the direction of the enterprise and the financial responsibility being assumed by the American Fiber Chamblis Company, Mr. J. C. McLaughlin, president. The National Association of Manufacturers will participate to the extent of having its representative accompany the train throughout the tour of six months. As a practical means of rendering Mexican buyers more familiar with American products, and thus establishing more intimate relations between the two Republics, this project commends itself to those who view the matter from a business standpoint. As the general idea of the enterprise has been approved by the members of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, and as the management appears to be responsible for carrying out the project as planned, I desire to commend this matter to members of the Association for their favorable consideration."

Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of State: "I think the proposed Exposition is a very good mode of exhibiting our manufactures and productions. You suggest an excellent plan for increasing our exports to Mexico, and I trust that it will be carried into effect."

Hon. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury: "There is no doubt that this movement, successfully carried out, would operate to promote the sale of American products in Mexico, and the purpose you cherish has the hearty sympathy of this Department."

It is proposed that the train shall leave New York City August 3, next, and St. Louis two days later, arriving at the Mexican border August 8. Prompt application should be made for space, as choice of location will be given exhibitors in the order in which applications are filed. Terms for space, diagrams and cuts of exhibit cars, and all other desired information will be furnished on application to Mr. R. C. Mudge, General Manager, or Mr. J. D. Prince, Business Manager, 412-13 Temple Court, New York City.

SONORA SIFTINGS.

A Collection of Happenings in the State
Over the Line.

About the 12th inst. Mr. J. B. Magruder will go east on business in connection with his mining interests.

At Guaymas there is in circulation a petition to restore the U. S. Consular agency to its former rank as a consulate.

Mr. L. C. Hanks is running the train on the Torres & Prietas railway, in the place of Mr. Gordon Seymour, who is resting.

It is reported that Juan Pedrazzini has sold his famous El Carmen mine, in the Arizpe district, for \$1,500,000, retaining an interest.

Last week Mr. J. G. Kendall, chief engineer of the Torres & Prietas railway went to Ures on a reconnaissance for the route of the projected extension of that road.

Don Jose Pierson is taking steps to improve the stock on the Cibola rancho, having recently purchased 25 pure bred Hereford bulls and 5 fine stallions, from the Salt river valley.

Friday of last week Mr. W. Inman returned to Hermosillo from Lampazos, where he has been employed several months past as chief engineer for the Cleveland & Morelos Mining company.

Mr. W. S. Bowman has taken charge of the line repairing service of the Sonora railway, and H. G. Knapp, from the Guaymas office is the new night train dispatcher at Nogales.

Mr. M. W. Harter, formerly of Florence, is running a dairy at Prietas. He has some thirty-two cows, bought in Sonora. He will shortly import from the Casa Grande valley his herd of fine cows.

On the 3rd inst. Mr. Archie McKenzie came in from the Yaqui river, where he has been since November. He was at Prietas a day or so and then at Hermosillo. He expected returning to the Yaqui sometime this week.

Mr. G. H. Parrish, long agent for the Sonora railway at Carbo, has resigned to accept a position at Las Vegas, and on Thursday the gentleman started for his new field of duty accompanied by his wife and family.

Last Saturday Mr. H. A. Calloden, Auditor of the Sonora railway, went to Ciudad Porfirio Diaz (Eagle Pass, Texas) to inspect the system of accounts on the Mexican International railway, which is a part of the Southern Pacific system, and which is to be adopted on the Sonora.

There have been a number of changes in agencies of the Sonora railway this week consequent upon the departure of Mr. Parrish from Carbo. Mr. M. Bowman is appointed agent at Querobabi, relieving Mr. H. H. Cudeback, who becomes agent at Ortiz in the place of Mr. H. Herman, who has succeeded Mr. Parrish at Carbo.

Mrs. and Miss Seymour, having recovered from their recent illness, have gone to their summer home at Cerro Blanco. At the same time Mr. Seymour went to Torres directly from Nogales, remaining at the former place a few days, and then, with his son, Mr. Gordon Seymour, came up to Cerro Blanco, Monday, to join his family.

Noted with Interest.

The recent compromise of the conflicting interests in the Cananea copper properties, and account of which was published in THE OASIS three weeks ago, has attracted wide attention, the article having been copied in the San Francisco Examiner, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and other metropolitan journals, giving the facts of the matter a world wide circulation commensurate with its importance.

So widely extended is the fame of these great properties that anything of interest in connection with them is eagerly received in all parts of the world. Their immensity, richness and productiveness once made them a factor in the trend of the copper market; and after a long and vexatious trouble conflicting interests have been quieted and they can again enter the field of productiveness is a fact that could not escape commanding the widest attention. For this reason THE OASIS account of the compromise was seized with avidity on all sides and copied entire.

It is now stated that steps are being taken as rapidly as possible, which will culminate in creation of a great company with tremendous capital which will operate these grand properties on a colossal scale.

Inscriptions Discovered.

The Hermosillo correspondent of the associated press, under date of June 6th, relates the following:

A rock recently discovered in the mountains of Magdalena district, State of Sonora, which is covered with Chinese inscriptions, has just been visited by Sen Yuep, a well educated Chinese of Guaymas. He says the inscriptions are Chinese, but are somewhat indistinct.

He made a copy of them and has translated enough of the lines to show that the writing was probably inscribed on the rock at least two thousand years ago. There are ten lines of characters on the part of the rock in view, and some of the lines may be still buried under the earth. There are ancient Chinese tombs and monuments to the north of Magdalena, near the mining camp of Jojoba. These have never been explored.

Sen Yuep asserts that, in the history of China, there is a tradition that an exploring expedition, divided into eighteen parties, landed on the western coast of what is now Mexico over twenty centuries ago.

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